

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Pugh House

AND/OR COMMON

Derrickson House or Ferncliff

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Stafford Road

CITY, TOWN

Lapidum

VICINITY OF

Havre de Grace

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE  
☐ COMMERCIAL  
☐ EDUCATIONAL  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT  
☐ GOVERNMENT  
☐ INDUSTRIAL  
☐ MILITARY  
☐ MUSEUM  
☐ PARK  
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

William L. Derrickson II

Telephone #: 939-0326

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Stafford Road RD #2

CITY, TOWN

Havre de Grace

VICINITY OF

Maryland

STATE, zip code

21078

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**☒ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This house is a two-story Victorian, facing towards the river to the east. It has of asbestos siding over frame, with a low cut granite cellar. The building is "T" shaped, with the cross facing the river. It is three bays by three overall, with bay windows on both the north and south ends of the main section. The sashes and frames appear to be recent, with 6 X 6 windows on the upper floors and 1 X 1's and 2 X 2's on the lower level. The shutters have likewise been replaced. The main door on the east side is set in a bay with a transom front and side lights, all of two panes. Other doors are located on the north, south and western facades of the wing, the one on the western side being on the second story. The box cornices around the bay windows and the roof have been replaced. The roof itself is a tin gable-flank, with one large dormer with a 2 X 2 arched window situated over the eastern door. Two new chimneys are on the house; one on the inside far left corner of the rear addition and one on the southern ridgeline of the main house. A large, columned three-bay porch with a shed roof is located on the eastern facade, while a two-bay shed porch is located along the southern wall of the addition or wing.

A far rwer section of the house has been added to the rear of what already has been described, consisting of a one-story room that is in an "L" shape against the western and southern walls.

The oldest building on the property is the springhouse that is located behind the house and in the hillside. It is one-story, stone and faces to the east. The corners are quoined. A door is located on the eastern side on the second floor with a louvered window below it. The tin roof is a gable front. The spring that this building is involved with flows down the hillside behind the property and at one time it flowed through the house itself.

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house dates from the time of the Civil War and the springhouse/barn is even older. The property itself was owned by several local businessmen; John Rinehart and Benjamin Heath, who owned the Lapidum warehouse, and John W. Spencer, who was a rather prominent herring fisherman during the middle of the last century. The Martenet map shows the house to be owned by a Mrs. Pugh, a relative of Rinehart. For many years it was also a semi-permanent home for fishermen.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Harford County Land Records  
 Martenet's Map of 1878  
 Silver, Albert P.; Lapidum, 1888.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY @ 3 acres

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

The property is located on Stafford Road north of Lapidum. It is surrounded by the properties of James Nicholson to the south, the Susquehanna State Park to the west the Stafford Road to the east and a lot owned by R. Chronister and R. Neff to the north.

**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Paul L. Penrod/ site surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

May 24, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
 (301) 267-1438

## TITLE SEARCH

<u>Libre</u>	<u>Folio</u>	
GRG	454	83 In 1955, William L. Derickson bought the property from two different sources.
GCB	290	347 1. In 1945, Earle R. Burkins sold a plot to William L. Derickson.
GCB	289	120 Widow Eva Kimmel sold the property to Earle R. Burkins in 1945.
SWC	246	444 In 1937, Frederick Lee Cobourn, assignee, sold the tract to Charles W. Kimmel and Eva Kimmel. Cobourn had purchased the property at a county public auction from the defunct mortgage of Philip Spencer.
SWC	226	73 In 1933, Philip Spencer mortgaged the property from Sarah A. McCommons.
DGW	208	378 In 1928, D. Murray Stephenson sold to Philip M. Spencer the beforementioned tract.
DGW	208	373 Involving the same parcel, Joseph F. Donahoo sold his interest in the property to Philip M. Spencer in 1928.
WSF	100	368 In 1900, Amelia W. Spencer, wife of Philip M. Spencer, purchased the tract from John Rinehart and his widowed mother, Elizabeth Pugh.
ALJ	67	409 In 1890, J. Howard Pugh and others sold to Elizabeth R. Pugh and Charles Rinehart their interest in the property.
WG	12	105 In 1860, Benjamin Heath sold his interest in the property to J. Howard Pugh and others.
ALJ	9	13 In 1857, Samuel Chase Coale and Isaac W. Coale sold a one-acre lot facing the tidewater canal to Benjamin Heath and Edwin S. Rinehart.
ALJ	7	351 In 1856, Samuel Chase Coale sold Henry D. Farnandis his lands to sell at a public auction. One of these tracts included the acreage along the Susquehanna River.
HD	9	119 In 1802, Skipworth Coale was awarded the tract from Nathaniel Harpley, who had applied to the State Chancellor for relief from his debts.

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GRG	305	190
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2. In 1947, William L. Derickson purchased a three-quarter acre section of the Land of Promise from John H. Savin.

GCB	284	379
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In 1944, the Harford County Commissioners sold the three-quarter acre plot of the Land of Promise to John H. Savin.

SWC	242	119
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In 1936, Edward Snodgrass purchased the lot from the County Commissioners as a result of a tax sale.

JAR	145	337
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In 1914, Silas W. Spencer sold to Rachel E. Spencer a one and three-quarter acre portion of the Land of Promise.

ALJ	9	396
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In 1857, Rebecca Spencer and others sold the tract to Silas L. Spencer.

HD	20	162
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In 1837, William Spence and others sold the tract to John W. Spencer. Henry Spence had died in 1819 and his sons, James and William, conveyed the property to the grantor of this deed, consisting of one and three-quarters acres.

HD	V	259
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Samuel Gover, in 1810, sold Henry Spence the same lot.

JLG	N	467
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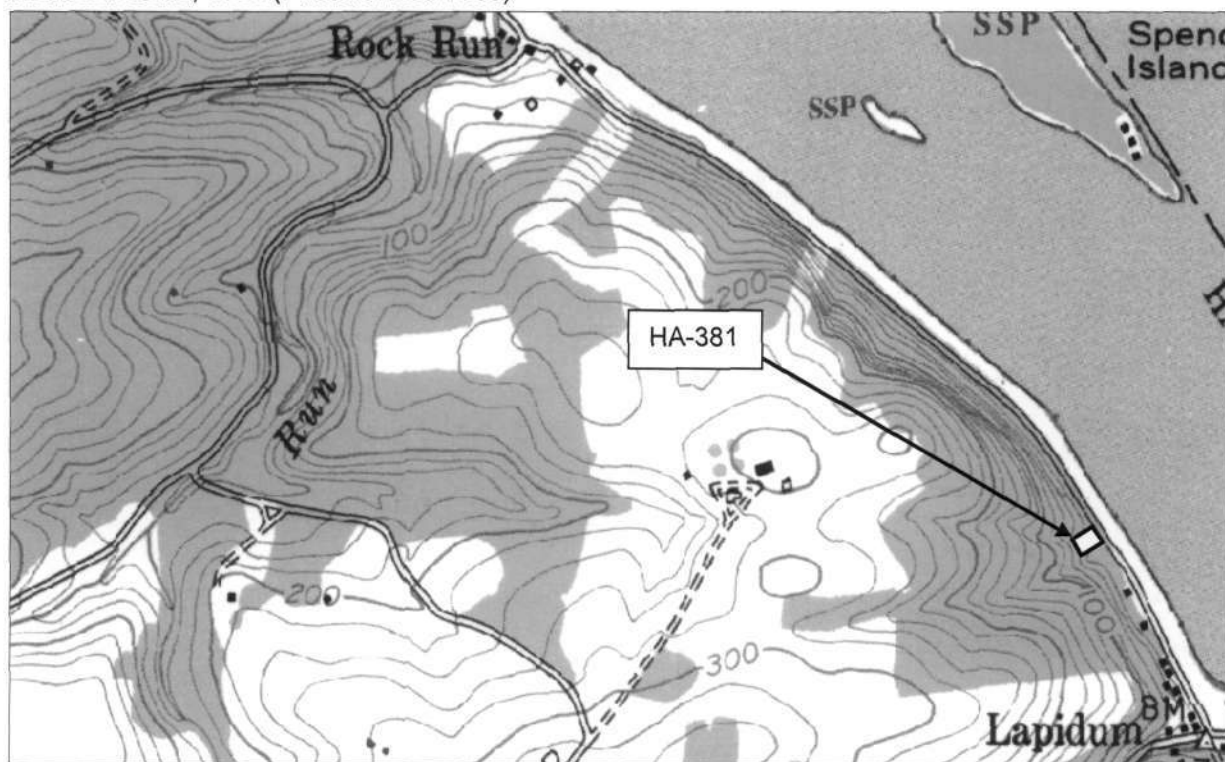
This plot was among the lands that Samuel Gover acquired from his father, Gerrard, in 1797.

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Ferncliff (Derrickson House, Pugh House)

626 Stafford Road, Havre de Grace, 21078

Aberdeen Quad, 1953 (Photorevised 1985)



National Web Map Service 6" OPM, 2007-08

Bing Maps Bird's Eye View image, c. 2010









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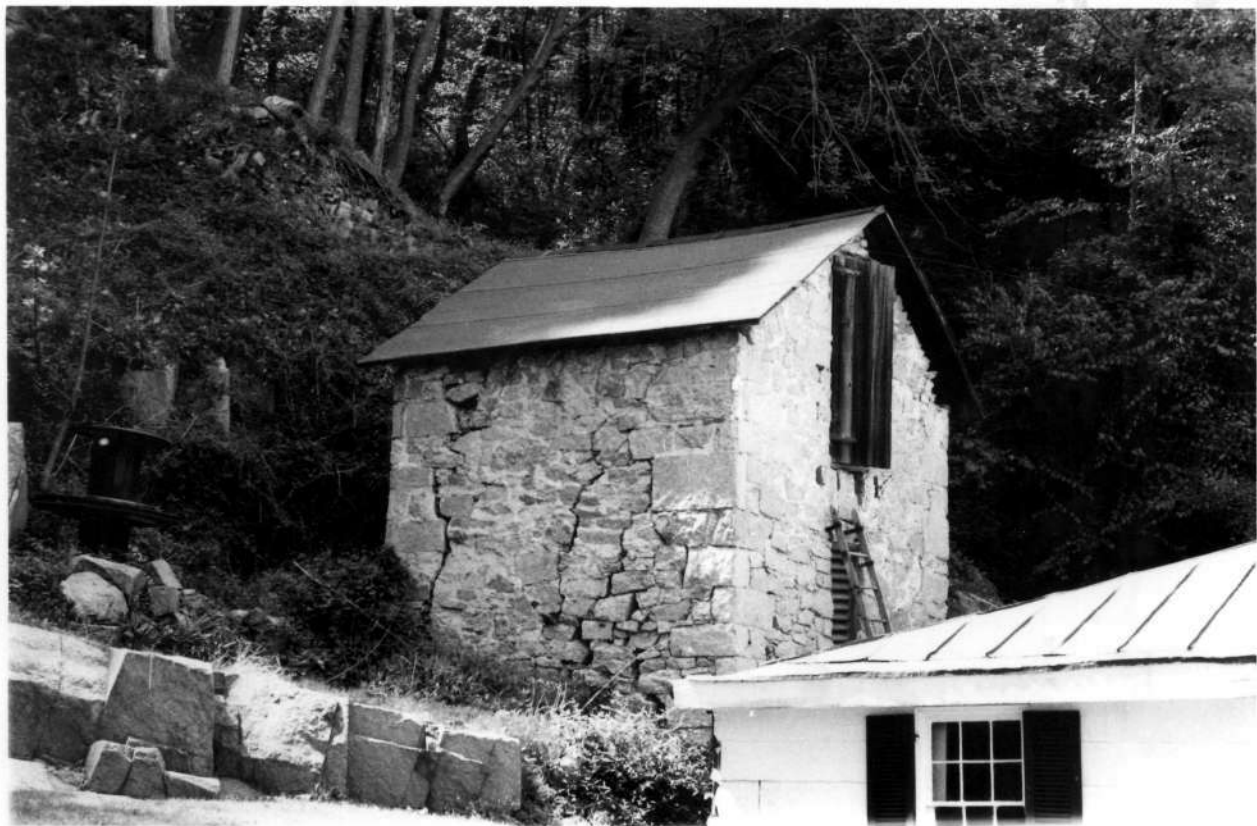
Stafford Road

Lapidum, MD

Paul Penrod

Southeast side

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Derrickson Springhouse HA-381

Stafford Road

Lapidum, MD

Paul Penrod

Southside

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